Ph.D. Fellows Program at Texas A&M University at Qatar

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The establishment of the TAMUQ PhD Fellows Program is aligned with the Qatar National Vision 2030 (QNV 2030), which is built around the following main pillars:

• Economic Development,
• Social Development,
• Human Development, and
• Environmental Development.

The Human Development pillar aims to a highly educated population and a capable and motivated workforce.
Establishment of the PhD Fellows Program at TAMUQ

In addition, the Qatar National Research Strategy (QNRS) is built around five pillars that include:

• Develop the capabilities of Qatar’s people and institutions
• Build and maintain a competitive and diversified economy
• Improve the health and social well-being of Qatar’s population
• Support Qatar’s distinctive culture and the security of its people
• Preserve and improve the natural and built environment
Career Perspectives

Highly qualified Ph.D. graduates to work:

- As faculty in HBKU, Education City partner Universities (TAMUQ, CMUQ, Cornell, etc.) and Qatar University,
- As researchers in the Qatar National Labs (QEERI, QCRI and QBRI),
- In major industrial corporations where they can lead R&D activities, including Qatar Energy and its affiliates, Kahramaa, Qatar Cool, etc.,
- In ministries, municipalities and other governmental organizations.
Since Fall 2021
✓ In Progress: 25
✓ Graduated: 1
Who can apply?

The TAMUQ Ph.D. Fellows Program supports:

- Qatari nationals,
- Non-Qatari children of Qatari mothers,
- Qatari document holders,
- Individuals married to Qatari nationals,
- Residents of Qatar for five years or more with valid residency permits.

Academic Criteria:
PhD Fellows should be already admitted to one of the Texas A&M University doctoral programs in academic departments that have on-going collaboration with Texas A&M University at Qatar prior to be eligible to the PhD Fellows program.

Chemical Engineering | Electrical & Computer Engineering
Mechanical Engineering | Petroleum Engineering
How to apply?

- At TAMU: Engineering CAS
  https://engineering.tamu.edu/admissions-and-aid/graduate-admissions/index.html

- Share information with TAMUQ
  https://www.qatar.tamu.edu/graduate-studies/phd-fellows

- Chemical Engineering — 1 December 2023 | Dr. Ahmed Abdel-Wahab
- Electrical & Computer Engineering — 1 January 2024 | Dr. Erchin Serpedin
- Mechanical Engineering — 1 January 2024 | Dr. Marwan Khraisheh
- Petroleum Engineering — 1 December 2023 | Dr. Albertus Retnanto

outcomes vary by program, usually 1 month after deadline

- Statement of Purpose
- Proof of English Proficiency (link)
- Transcripts
- Letters (3) of recommendation
- Resume/CV
- GRE not required
  - except PETE for non US BSc
Total duration of the Ph.D. degree varies, but typically should take between 4 and 5 years.
What is covered by the Fellowship

• During the stay in College Station
  • Tuition and Fees (9 credit hours in Spring, 9 in Fall, 6 in Summer)
  • Stipend
  • Medical Insurance

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  • Medical Insurance
  • Accommodation in QF Housing

• Economy class ticket College Station-Doha-College Station

• Research and Professional Development related support ($6,000 annually)
Expectations during 1st year in College Station

The PhD Fellow:

• Attend PhD courses according to the program’s requirements.
• Initiate his/her research project.
• Successfully pass the qualifying exams to the Ph.D. program.
• Meet with his/her TAMU supervisor on a regular basis (i.e., in research group meetings or individually).
• Meet with his/her TAMUQ and TAMU advisors all together at least monthly to assess progress and plan activities.

TAMUQ advisor follows closely the progress of the fellow and provide guidance and support as needed (Dr. Valentini Pappa: valentini.pappa@qatar.tamu.edu)
Contact – Office of Graduate Studies

graduate.studies@qatar.tamu.edu.